

Remarks

Claims 1, 3, 7, 11 and 12 are currently amended, and claims 2, 9 and 10 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to file claims in a continuing application that are commensurate in scope with the cancelled claims. For the reasons and arguments set forth below, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance.

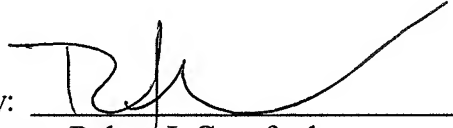
The Office Action dated March 21, 2008 indicated the following rejections: claims 1, 4, 6, 9, 10, 11, 13 and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Schutten '001 (U.S. Patent No. 4,541,001); claims 1, 4-6, 9-11 and 13-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Schutten '465 (U.S. Patent No. 4,612,465); and claims 1, 4-6, 8-11 and 13-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Takemori (U.S. Patent No. 6,809,375) together with Schutten '001. The Office Action also notes that claims 2, 3, 7 and 12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but otherwise indicated as reciting allowable subject matter.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections. However, without acquiescence and for the purposes of expediting prosecution, Applicant submits that the present amendment places the application in condition for allowance. Claims 1 and 11 have been amended to incorporate allowable subject matter from claim 2, which has been cancelled. Moreover, claims 3, 7 and 12 have been re-written in independent form, and claims 9 and 10 have been cancelled. As such, and with some miscellaneous wording edits which should be carefully reviewed, all the claims recite subject matter that has been indicated as allowable.

In view of the remarks above, Applicant believes that the application is in condition for allowance, and earnest solicits early indication of the same. Should there be any remaining issues that could be readily addressed over the telephone, the Examiner is asked to contact the agent overseeing the application file, Peter Zawilski, of NXP Corporation at (408) 474-9063.

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